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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PG3736/PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/06226	International filing date (day/month/year) 04/07/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07/08/1999
Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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- ☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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4. With regard to the **title**,

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- ☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

VALVE WITH A VALVE STEM WIPER

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☒ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The deficiencies under Rule 8.1(d) are rectified as follows :

ln.2 : ..body (1)...stem (7)...passage (15)..
ln.3 : ..stem (7) a...ring (9,12)...valve (7) being..
ln.4 : ..ring (9,12)..
ln.6 : ..passage (15)...ring (9,12)...wiper (130)..

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International Application No.

T/EP 00/06226

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 B65D83/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B65D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 2 326 156 A (BESPAK PLC) 16 December 1998 (1998-12-16)	1,3,4,8, 11, 13-16, 21-25
Y	page 1, line 10 -page 5, line 20; figure 1	2,17-20
A	---	12
Y	WO 99 06303 A (GLAXO GROUP LTD ;RIEBE MICHAEL THOMAS (US)) 11 February 1999 (1999-02-11)	2,17-20
A	the whole document	22-25
A	EP 0 870 699 A (MINNESOTA MINING & MFG) 14 October 1998 (1998-10-14) column 1, line 5 - line 26 column 4, line 52 -column 5, line 35; figures 2B-2E column 9, line 22	1-8, 11-14,16

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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *Z* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

27 October 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

06/11/2000

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 3 158 179 A (LEHMANN HERBERT G) 24 November 1964 (1964-11-24) column 4, line 16 - line 24; figures 4,6 ---	1,2,9, 10,15, 17,18
A	US 3 900 139 A (MYERS HAROLD J) 19 August 1975 (1975-08-19) column 4, line 62 - line 64; figure 2 -----	1,2

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
GB 2326156	A	16-12-1998	DE 19825031 A	11-02-1999
			FR 2764375 A	11-12-1998
			US 6006954 A	28-12-1999
WO 9906303	A	11-02-1999	GB 2332712 A	30-06-1999
			AU 9255098 A	22-02-1999
			CN 1261854 T	02-08-2000
			EP 0999987 A	17-05-2000
			HR 990418 A	30-04-2000
			NO 20000365 A	25-01-2000
			PL 337519 A	28-08-2000
EP 0870699	A	14-10-1998	AU 698364 B	29-10-1998
			AU 5185396 A	02-10-1996
			CA 2213442 A	19-09-1996
			DE 69609315 D	17-08-2000
			EP 0813490 A	29-12-1997
			JP 11501892 T	16-02-1999
			WO 9628367 A	19-09-1996
			US 5772085 A	30-06-1998
US 3158179	A	24-11-1964	DE 1400745 A	20-02-1969
			FR 1358839 A	22-07-1964
			GB 964955 A	
US 3900139	A	19-08-1975	NONE	

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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(PCT Rule 71.1)

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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07/08/1999

Applicant

GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.		



- This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

 These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 13/02/2001	Date of completion of this report 05.06.2001
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Felgenhauer, H-P Telephone No. +49 89 2399 2618 

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP00/06226

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-25 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/2,2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-25
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-25
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-25
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/EP00/06226

Item V

1. The following documents are referred to
D1...WO-A-99 06303
D2...GB-A-2 326 156
D3...US-A-3 900 139.
2. The application is not clear (Article 6 PCT) as indicated in item VIII.
3. D1 is considered as constituting the closest prior art valve for an aerosol container (cf. claim 1; figure 1).

Starting from this prior art the problem to be solved can be seen to avoid the effects of drug deposition as stated on page 1, lines 23 - 29.

The solution according to a claim 1 clarified as indicated in item VIII is novel and appears as not being rendered obvious by the available prior art, such that clarified claims should satisfy the requirements of Article 33 (2) and (3) PCT.

D1 does not suggest provision of a sealing ring including a wiper. According to D2 and contrary to the valve according to claim 1, the valve stem is not slidably movable relative to a sealing ring. Instead, as can be derived from the figures and e.g. from claim 1 the valve stem is provided with wiper means. Thus D2 fails to suggest provision of a sealing ring relative to which the valve stem is slidable and furthermore a sealing ring including a wiper according to a claim 1 clarified as indicated in item VIII.

3. Since the valve is industrially applicable the claims also satisfy the requirement of Article 33 (3) PCT.

Item VII

- 1.1 Claim 1 should have been properly cast in the two-part form (Rule 6.3 (b) PCT) starting e.g. from D1 as closest prior art.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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- 1.2 Reference signs in parentheses should have been inserted in the claims to increase their intelligibility, Rule 6.2(b) PCT. This applies to both the preamble and characterising portion.
- 1.3 To meet the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the documents D1 - D3 should have been identified in the description and the relevant background art disclosed therein should be briefly discussed.

Item VIII

- 1.1 Claim 1 is unclear (Article 6 PCT) since by defining that "the sealing ring further includes a wiper to wipe a valve stem" the structure and/or the position of the wiper with regard to the sealing ring remains undefined.

Such a definition however is required since, as can be derived from D3 (cf. claim 1; column 3, lines 28 - 31), a sealing ring as such (or a part of it, like an edge) can already be considered as constituting a wiper.

- 1.2 Claim 2 is, for reasons corresponding to the ones given above, likewise unclear.
2. The portions of the description on page 11, lines 22 - 31 render the extent of the description unclear.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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To: PIKE & CO. Attn. PIKE, Christopher G. Hayes Loft 68A Hayes Place Marlow, Buckinghamshire SL7 2BT UNITED KINGDOM	PIKE & CO. RECEIVED - 3 NOV 2000 ACTION DATE	NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION (PCT Rule 44.1)
PTE/PET Rec'd 22 JUN 2002		Date of mailing (day/month/year) <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">06/11/2000</div>
Applicant's or agent's file reference PG3736/PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below	
International application No. PCT/EP 00/ 06226	International filing date (day/month/year) <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">04/07/2000</div>	
Applicant <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">GLAXO GROUP LIMITED</div>		

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
 The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
 34, chemin des Colombettes
 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
 Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.
2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.
4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL-2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016	Authorized officer <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Donna-Marie Lockhart</div>
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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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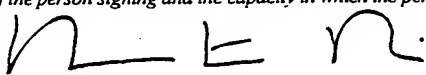
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